AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Local Government Type	Local Government Name	County
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Audit Date Opinion Date	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State:	
06/30/2005 11/07/2005	12/02/2005	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised.

2. We	are certifi	ed p	public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.							
			following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the fina its and recommendations	ncial stateme	ents, including th	he notes, or in				
You mus	st check th	ie a	pplicable box for each item below.							
ges	✓ no	1.	Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit a	re excluded	from the financi	al statements.				
yes	✓ no	2.	There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).	unit's unre	served fund ba	lances/retained				
∠ yes	no	3.	There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform 1968, as amended).	n Accounting	and Budgeting	Act (P.A. 2 o				
ges	✓ no	4.	The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order its requirements, or an order issued under the Emerger			oal Finance Ac				
yes	✓ no	5.	The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not c of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, a			ments. (P.A. 20				
yes	✓ no	6.	The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax reve unit.	nues that we	ere collected for	another taxing				
yes	✓ no	7.	7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).							
yes	✓ no	8.	The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an a 1995 (MCL 129.241).	applicable po	olicy as required	by P.A. 266 o				
ges	✓ no	9.	The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as re-	quired by P.A	A. 196 of 1997 (I	MCL 129.95).				
We hav	ve enclos	sed	the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required				
The lett	er of comr	nen	ts and recommendations	<i>\</i>						

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	~		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			~
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			~

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TAWAS UTILITY AUTHORITY IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AUDITORS' REPORT YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

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November 7, 2005

Independent Auditors' Report

Members of the Authority Board Tawas Utility Authority Iosco County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major fund of the Tawas Utility Authority, Iosco County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise a portion of the Utility Authority's basic financial statements required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described more fully in Note 2, management has not presented the management discussion and analysis and the government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the presentation of the management discussion and analysis and the government-wide financial statements. The amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements for the Utility Authority's governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund of the Tawas Utility Authority, losco County, Michigan, as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 7, 2005, on our consideration of the Tawas Utility Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Stephenson, Grain & Co., P.C.

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2005

With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2004

	General Fund		Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Debt Service Fund		Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Construction Fund		Jun	e 30, 2004		
<u>ASSETS</u>										
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3) Accounts receivable Due from other units Prepaid expense (Note 1)	\$	100,512 221 33,965 9,889	\$	0 0 0 0	\$	171 0 0 0	\$	100,683 221 33,965 9,889	\$	129,592 0 35,930 9,970
Total Assets	\$	144,587	\$	0	\$	171	\$	144,758	\$	175,492
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
<u>Liabilities</u>										
Accounts payable Accrued interest	\$	27,635 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	27,635 0	\$	54,132 718
Total liabilities		27,635		0	_	0		27,635		54,850
Fund Equity Fund balances: Unreserved: Designated for capital improvements Undesignated, reported in:		86,114		0		0		86,114		70,915
General fund		30,838		0		0 171		30,838		49,557
Capital project fund Total fund equity		0 116,952		0	_	171 171		171 117,123		170 120,642
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	144,587	\$	0	\$	171	\$	144,758	\$	175,492

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2004

			Industrial Park Project Sewer			dustrial Park oject Sewer					
				ystem #2	System #2		Totals				
			Debt		С	onstruction					
	Gen	eral Fund	Ser	vice Fund		Fund		June 30, 2005		June 30, 2004	
Revenue											
Contributions from local units	\$	0	\$	0	\$	69,053	\$	69,053	\$	72,105	
Charges for services		403,570		0		0		403,570		419,340	
Interest earned		870		0		1		871		670	
Miscellaneous		221		0	_	0		221		241	
Total revenue		404,661		0	_	69,054		473,715		492,356	
Expenditures											
Professional services		336,695		0		0		336,695		326,838	
Insurance		13,827		0		0		13,827		14,003	
Miscellaneous		7,257		0		0		7,257		5,600	
Capital outlay		14,801		0		0		14,801		0	
Debt service:		05.004		45.000		•		00.004		00.074	
Principal		35,304		45,000		0		80,304		90,374	
Interest and fiscal charges		297		24,053		0		24,350		31,668	
Total expenditures		408,181		69,053	_	0		477,234	_	468,483	
Excess of revenue over											
(under) expenditures		(3,520)		(69,053)	_	69,054		(3,519)	_	23,873	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Operating transfers in		0		69,053		0		69,053		72,105	
Operating transfers out		0		0	_	(69,053)	_	(69,053)		(72,105)	
Total other financing sources (uses)		0		69,053	_	(69,053)		0		0	
Excess of revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses		(3,520)		0		1		(3,519)		23,873	
Fund balances - beginning of year		120,472		0		170		120,642		96,769	
Fund balances - end of year	\$	116,952	\$	0	\$	171	\$	117,123	\$	120,642	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Tawas Utility Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

A. Description of Authority's Operations

The Tawas Utility Authority operates under the supervision and control of a Board consisting of the Mayors and City Managers of both the City of Tawas City and the City of East Tawas. The accompanying basic financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Authority's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, except as noted in Note 2. All activities over which the Authority exercises oversight responsibility have been included in the reporting entity. Oversight responsibility is determined by factors such as financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters of the entity.

B. Joint Venture

The Tawas Utility Authority functions as a joint venture between the City of Tawas City and the City of East Tawas. The Authority was established for the construction and operation of water and sewage treatment facilities to service both municipalities. Effective May 1, 1997, the Tawas Utility Authority no longer handles water operations. These operations were taken over by the Huron Shore Regional Utility Authority.

C. Fund Accounting

The Authority uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which all of the governmental functions of the Authority are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the major governmental funds of the Authority:

General Fund – This fund accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are derived primarily from charges for services and contributions from local governmental units.

Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Debt Service Fund – This fund is used to record revenues which are restricted for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Construction Fund – This fund is used to account for the acquisition or construction of major facilities other than those financed by general fund operations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Basis of Presentation

The Authority's basic financial statements consist of fund financial statements which provide a detailed level of financial information.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Authority segregates transactions related to certain Authority functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Authority at a detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. All of the Authority's funds are considered major funds.

All government al funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances reflects the sources (i.e., revenues and other financial sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financial uses) of current financial resources.

E. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues – Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions:

On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recognized in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Authority, available means expected to be received within 60 days after year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Authority receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Authority must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Authority on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered both measurable and available at year-end: contributions from local units, charges for services, fines and forfeitures, and interest.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Expenditures:

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Tawas Utility Authority normally follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- 1. The Authority Treasurer submits to the Authority Board a proposed operating budget which includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a Board motion.

All budget appropriations lapse at year end. Budgetary amounts reported herein are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Authority Board.

Budgets shown in the financial statements are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, and consist only of those amounts contained in the formal budget approved and amended by the Authority Board.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For presentation on the financial statements, investments in cash management pools and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the Authority are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

H. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in the fund financial statements.

I. Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

K. Fund Equity

Designated fund balance represents the assets in the general fund to be used for future capital improvements.

NOTE 2 - OMITTED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Authority did not adopt GASB 34 and GASB 37 in its entirety, as permitted by the Local Audit and Finance Division of the Treasury Department of the State of Michigan (State of Michigan), because the Authority believes that the cost of implementing the statements may exceed the benefit of the additional information. The Authority also believes that the omissions of the Management Discussion and Analysis, Government-wide Financial Statements and certain permitted note disclosures were not material to the statements as a whole due to the disclosure of the fixed assets and long-term debt in separate notes in this report. These amounts are not included as account groups in the fund statement, as in the past, per the requirements of GASB 34.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At year-end, the Authority's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Go —	vernmental Funds
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	100,683
The breakdown between deposits and investments is as follows:		
		Primary

	Governme				
Bank Deposits (checking and savings accounts) Investments in financial institution pooled funds	\$	1,031 99,652			
Total	\$	100.683			

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of June 30, 2005, the Authority had the following investments.

Investment Type	Fair <u>Value</u>	Specific Identification <u>Maturities</u>			
Investment pools	\$ 99,652	Daily			

Credit Risk

State law authorizes investments in investment pools as authorized by the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act, Act No. 367 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 129.111 to 129.118 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, composed entirely of instruments that are legal for direct investment by a local governmental unit in Michigan. The Authority's investment pool is unrated.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits</u>

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2005, \$0 of the Authority's bank balance of \$101,073 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk – Investments</u>

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The Authority will minimize custodial credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by; limiting investments to the types of securities approved in the Authority's investment policy which is in accordance with State law.

Concentration of Credit Risk, Interest Rate Risk and Foreign Currency Risk

The Authority's investment policy does not address concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk or foreign currency risk.

NOTE 4 - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGETARY FUNDS

P.A. 621 of 1978, Section 18(1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the Authority's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures have been shown on an activity basis. The approved budgets of the Authority for these budgetary funds were adopted to the activity level.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 4 - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGETARY FUNDS (CONTINUED)

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the Authority incurred expenditures in the General Fund which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	<u>App</u>	Total <u>Appropriations</u>			Budget <u>Variance</u>	
General Fund:						
Miscellaneous	\$	650	\$	7,257	\$	6,607
Capital outlay	\$	0	\$	14,801	\$	14,801
Principal	\$	26,600	\$	35,304	\$	8,704

NOTE 5 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

		Balance 07/01/04		<u>ditions</u>	_Dele	tions_	Balance 06/30/05		
Land Infrastructure Machinery and equipment		7,500 ,249,000 * <u>.630,972</u>	\$	0 0 <u>14,801</u>	\$	0 0 <u>0</u>		7,500 249,000 <u>645,773</u>	
	<u>\$ 4</u>	887,472	<u>\$</u>	14,801	\$	0	<u>\$ 4,</u>	902,273	

^{*}The Authority is a phase 3 government and per GASB 34 phase 3 governments are not required to report infrastructure retroactively. The Authority has opted to disclose these assets in order to maintain their identity and related costs.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING TRANSFERS

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the following transfers were made:

			erating sfers In	Operating Transfers Out			
Major Funds Major Governmental Funds: Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Debt Servic Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Construction		\$	69,053 <u>0</u>	\$	0 69,053		
Total Major Funds		\$	69,053	\$	69,053		
During the year ended June 30, 2005, the following individual fund transfers were made:							
Fund Transfer In		Fun	<u>d</u>	<u>Tran</u> :	sfer Out		
Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Debt Service Fund \$ 69,053	Industrial Park Project Sewer System #2 Construction Fund			<u>\$</u>	69,053		

Transfers are used to move receipts restricted to debt service from the fund collecting the receipts to the fund servicing the debt as debt payments become due.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 7 - LEASE AGREEMENT

Sewer System #3

The Authority entered into a capital lease agreement with the County of Iosco. The agreement calls for lease payments in an amount equal to the debt payments due on the County's requirement on a \$4,650,000 bond issue used to partially finance the construction of the sewage treatment facilities. Ownership of the facilities will transfer to the Authority at the expiration of the lease. The debt service requirements mentioned above are being directly made by each municipality involved in the joint agreement. The Authority was established for maintenance of the facilities therefore no debt has been reflected on the books of the Authority.

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM DEBT

GASB 34 Statements do not include General Long-term Debt Account Groups and as the Authority has opted to not adopt GASB 34 in its entirety, the long-term debt information is not included in the basic financial statements. The Authority has opted to disclose this information as follows:

\$650,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 1993

Said bonds are issued pursuant to a contract entered into between the Tawas Utility Authority and the Township of Baldwin. The bonds were issued for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing the sewage disposal system for the Township of Baldwin.

These bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the Township of Baldwin and paid from a general tax levy.

Interest on bonds is payable at 4.00% - 6.45%.

Annual Principal and Interest Requirements

_Year	1	November 1 Interest	May 1 Principal		May 1 Interest		Total Future Annual <u>Requirements</u>	
2005-06	\$	10,357.50	\$	45,000.00	\$	10,357.50	\$	65,715.00
2006-07		8,951.25		45,000.00		8,951.25		62,902.50
2007-08		7,533.75		45,000.00		7,533.75		60,067.50
2008-09		6,105.00		45,000.00		6,105.00		57,210.00
2009-10		4,665.00		45,000.00		4,665.00		54,330.00
2010-11		3,225.00		50,000.00		3,225.00		56,450.00
2011-12		1,612.50	_	50,000.00		1,612.50		53,225.00
	<u>\$</u>	42,450.00	\$	325,000.00	\$	42,450.00	<u>\$</u>	409,900.00

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the Authority:

	Balance July 1, 2004	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance June 30, 2005	
General Long-Term Debt General obligation bonds Note payable	\$ 370,000 35,304	\$ 0 0	\$ 45,000 35,304	\$ 325,000 0	
	<u>\$ 405,304</u>	<u>\$</u> 0	<u>\$ 80,304</u>	<u>\$ 325,000</u>	

NOTE 9 - MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Tawas Utility Authority contracts with an outside firm to provide all routine operation and maintenance of the Authority's facilities. A monthly fee is paid to the firm for standard services and is subject to an annual review. As of June 30, 2005, the monthly fee was \$27,635. For the year ended June 30, 2005, the total amount paid to the firm was \$327,550.

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and physical injuries. The Authority has purchased commercial insurance for general liability, auto liability, errors and omissions and physical damage (equipment, buildings and contents). Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 11 - COMPARATIVE DATA

Comparative totals for the prior year have been presented in Exhibits A & B, in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Authority's financial position and operations.



STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Original Budget		Amended Budget		Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	_
Revenue							
Charges for services	\$	403,100	\$	403,100	\$ 403,570	\$ 470)
Interest earned		300		300	870	570)
Miscellaneous		300	_	300	221	(79	<u>)</u>)
Total revenue		403,700	_	403,700	404,661	961	_
Expenditures_							
Professional services		359,300		359,300	336,695	22,605	;
Insurance		16,500		16,500	13,827	2,673	3
Miscellaneous		650		650	7,257	(6,607	")
Capital outlay		0		0	14,801	(14,801)
Debt service:							
Principal		26,600		26,600	35,304	(8,704	l)
Interest and fiscal charges		650		650	297	353	3
Total expenditures		403,700		403,700	408,181	(4,481)
Excess of revenue over (under) expenditures		0		0	(3,520)	(3,520))
Fund balance - beginning of year		120,472		120,472	120,472		<u>)</u>
Fund balance - end of year	\$	120,472	\$	120,472	\$ 116,952	\$ (3,520))



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November 7, 2005

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Members of the Authority Board Tawas Utility Authority Iosco County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of each major fund of the Tawas Utility Authority, losco County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise a portion of the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 7, 2005. The report was qualified because the Management Discussion and Analysis and Government-Wide Financial Statements were not included in the basic financial statements. Except as discussed in the preceding sentence, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Tawas Utility Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tawas Utility Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted one immaterial instance of noncompliance or other matters that we have reported to management of the Tawas Utility Authority in a separate letter dated November 7, 2005.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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November 7, 2005

Members of the Authority Board Tawas Utility Authority Iosco County, Michigan

Dear Board Members:

We have audited the financial statements of the Tawas Utility Authority for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated November 7, 2005. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards. As stated in our engagement letter dated September 13, 2005, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Tawas Utility Authority. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tawas Utility Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Tawas Utility Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Tawas Utility Authority during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Tawas Utility Authority's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). In our judgment, none of the adjustments we proposed, whether recorded or unrecorded by the Tawas Utility Authority, either individually or in the aggregate, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Authority's financial reporting process.

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Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the basic financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Tawas Utility Authority's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

<u>Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit</u>

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

Additional Information

As a result of our tests of compliance as described in the fourth paragraph, one matter came to our attention upon which we would like to comment and offer the following recommendations.

Budget Control

We noted that the Authority's General Fund included expenditures in some activities that exceeded appropriated amounts. We recommend that the Authority amend the budgets for all funds as needed and take into consideration year end accounts payable and recurring year end audit adjustments.

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation and courtesies extended our staff by management and employees of the Authority.

This information is intended solely for the use of management, the Authority Board and the Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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